

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) ~~Water-in-oil (W/O) microemulsions containing~~ A water-in-oil W/O microemulsion comprising a retinoid and a phospholipid emulsifier as active ingredient, and sodium hyaluronate.
2. (currently amended) ~~Microemulsions as claimed in The~~ microemulsion of claim 1, wherein the phospholipid emulsifier is selected from soy phosphatidylcholine and soy lecithin.
3. (currently amended) ~~Microemulsions as claimed in The~~ microemulsion of claim 1, wherein the oily phase consists of alkyl esters fatty acids.
4. (currently amended) ~~Microemulsions as claimed in The~~ microemulsion of claim 3, wherein the oily phase consists of isopropyl palmitate.
5. (currently amended) ~~Microemulsions as claimed in The~~ microemulsion of claim 1, wherein the retinoid is selected from

the group consisting of isotretinoin (13-cis-retinoic acid), tazarotene and fenretinide.

6. (currently amended) ~~Microemulsions as claimed in~~ The microemulsion of claim 5, wherein the retinoid is fenretinide.

7. (canceled)

8. (currently amended) ~~Microemulsions as claimed in~~ The microemulsion of claim 1, ~~containing a further~~ comprising at least one derivative of hyaluronic acid (HA) selected from the group consisting of:

~~salified~~ HA salts with organic inorganic bases with a molecular weight of 50-730 KDa or a high molecular weight ~~(750-1230 KDa)~~ of 750-1230 KDa;

[[ - ]] esters of HA with alcohols of the aliphatic, araliphatic, cycloaliphatic, aromatic, cyclic and heterocyclic series;

[[ - ]] amides of HA with amines of the aliphatic, araliphatic, cycloaliphatic, aromatic, cyclic and heterocyclic series;

~~derivatives of~~ HA derivatives up to the 4th degree of sulphation; and

[[ - ]] inner esters of HA.

9. (currently amended) ~~Microemulsions as claimed in~~ The microemulsion of claim 1, also containing further comprising antioxidants and preservatives.

10. (currently amended) ~~Microemulsions as claimed in~~ The microemulsion of claim 9, containing a-tocopherol and parabens.

11. (currently amended) ~~Pharmaceutical compositions~~ A pharmaceutical composition comprising the microemulsions ~~described in~~ of claim 1.

12. (currently amended) ~~Method~~ A method of preparing medicinal products with chemoprotective activity, which comprises adding an effective amount of the microemulsion according to claim 1 to an acceptable carrier.

13. (currently amended) ~~A process for the preparation of the microemulsions claimed in~~ A method for preparing the microemulsion of claim 1, which ~~involves~~ comprises the addition of a solution of phospholipid emulsifier in the oily phase to ~~the~~ a retinoid solution in the same oily phase, or the subsequent addition of an aqueous solution, possibly containing hyaluronic acid, salts or derivatives thereof, preservatives, EDTA and other components.

14. (new) The microemulsion of claim 1, wherein the weight percentage of active ingredients is from 0.01% to 0.5% in weight and the weight percentage of sodium hyaluronate is from 0.001 to 0.01% in weight.

15. (new) The microemulsion of claim 1, wherein the use of sodium hyaluronate promotes percutaneous absorption of the water-in-oil microemulsion.